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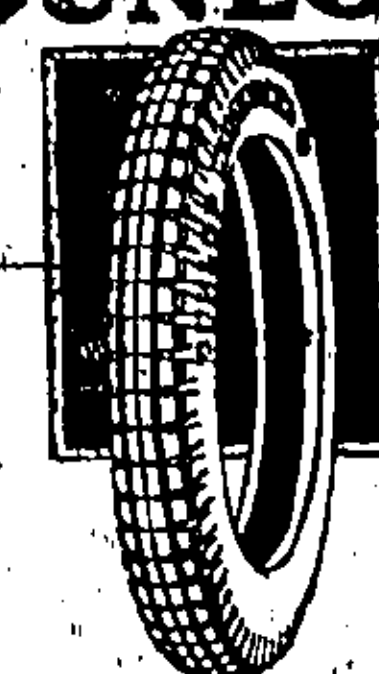
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SNOWDEN'S DISAGREEABLE TASK

COUNTRY MUST FACE POSITION

INCOME TAX INCREASE

BEER AND TOBACCO TO COST MORE.

WAR LOAN CONVERSION

Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons yesterday, revealed the proposals, which the National Government had decided upon in order to balance the Budget, and which had been so jealously guarded these many days past. His speech lasted an hour and a quarter.

The Government is faced with an estimated Budget deficit of:—

This year £ 74,500,000.

Next year £170,000,000

The economies proposed are anticipated to effect savings of:—

This year £22,000,000.

Next year £70,000,000.

Provision for the Sinking Fund is to be reduced from £50,000,000 to £32,500,000; and borrowing for the Unemployment Fund is to cease.

Additional taxation required to balance the Budget:—

This year £39,000,000

Next year £80,000,000

And it is expected to raise these amounts by the following direct and indirect means:—

DIRECT.

Income Tax (increase by 6d.) 5 sh. in £.

Surplus to be increased by 10 per cent.

These increases are expected to yield:—

This year £29,000,000.

Next Year £57,500,000

INDIRECT.

Beer Duty increased by 1d. a pint.

Leaf Tobacco increased from 106d. to 114d. per lb., and other forms of tobacco in same proportion.

Oil Duty increased by 22d. a gallon.

Entertainments Tax increased according to new scale.

5 per cent. War Loan to be converted to lower rate of interest.

The estimated surplus this year is given as £1,500,000.

The text of the Economy Bill is given below.

The question of prohibiting imports of luxury goods is being considered.

The Opposition complains that a complete picture has not been given. It yet maintains that the Budget could be balanced without attacking Unemployment Insurance and Education.

BRITISH TREASURY CREDITS ABROAD.

Major Elliott, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, answering a question in the House of Commons, announced the terms of the British Treasury credit with the United States and France. He said that each amounted to a maximum of £40,000,000 for a period of twelve months. The American arrangement was a bank credit, on which the Treasury was entitled to draw by the deposit of dollar bills, and the rate of discount would be one per cent. above the official discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, with a minimum of 4½ per cent. and a maximum of 6 per cent.

BAN ON LUXURY IMPORTS?

London, Yesterday. Never had the House of Commons been more crowded for a Budget speech than when the Speaker took the Chair this afternoon. So crowded was the House that some Government supporters had to sit in the gangway and on the steps, while others just had to stand.

A cordial welcome was extended to Mr. Philip Snowden by Ministerialists when he entered. It was a repitition of the reception given to him by the crowds which had assembled in the streets to watch his arrival.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the outset of his speech, said that he was about to discharge one of the most disagreeable tasks that had ever fallen to his lot.

Unfolding his programme, he estimated the deficit in this year's Budget to £74,500,000, and estimated the deficit for next year's Budget at £170,000,000.

The total savings this year would be £22,000,000 gross, and the savings next year, he said, would be £70,000,000.

The provision for the Sinking Fund would be £32,500,000, instead of £50,000,000, which would meet Government's obligations.

Additional taxation would be required this year to the extent of £39,000,000, and next year to the extent of £80,000,000 of which the greater part must be borne by direct taxation.

Government had decided that borrowing for the Unemployment Fund must cease.

The standard rate of income-tax would be increased by six

pence making in all five shillings in the pound.

Industry would be compensated for this income-tax increase by the relief, roughly, of the same amount by a special increase of the existing allowance for depreciation of plant, the bulk of which would go to basic industries.

The Bachelor and Family Man.

The single man's income-tax exemption of £135 would be reduced to £100, and married persons' exemption from £225 to £150. Children's allowances would be reduced, for the first child from £60 to £50, and other children from £50 to £40. And the income-tax for the proportion which pay half the standard rate, would be £175 instead of £250, and the deduction hitherto allowed of one-sixth of income with a maximum of £250 would be altered to one-fifth with a maximum of £300.

The surtax yield would be increased by ten per cent.

The total income-tax and surtax increases were expected to yield £29,000,000 this year and £57,500,000 in the following year. This comprises all the direct taxation.

Indirect Taxation.

As regards indirect taxation, beer duty would be increased by a penny a pint, and imported leaf tobacco increased from 106 pence to 114 pence per lb., other forms of tobacco, besides leaf, to be increased in the same proportion. Oil to be increased two pence a gallon, and entertainments duty to be increased on a new scale, including the cheaper seats, but not children's tickets, not exceeding two pence. There was no further new taxation announced.

A Finance Bill would provide facilities for the conversion of five per cent. war loan to a lower rate of interest.

The following new proposals, to cover the estimated deficit this year of £74,500,000, are provided:—

Economies £22,000,000

Savings on Debt

Redemption 13,700,000

New Taxation on

Inland Revenue 29,000,000

Customs and Excise 11,500,000

Leaving an Estimated

Surplus of 1,500,000

Next year's estimated deficit of

£170,000,000 would be met thus:—

Economies £70,000,000

Savings on Debt

Redemption 20,000,000

New Taxation on

Inland Revenue 81,500,000

Mr. Snowden, referring to the

five per cent. war loan conversion

proposals, spoke of the disturbing

END OF GRAMOPHONE CLAIM.

Judgment Given for Plaintiffs.

A NEGLIGENT DRIVER.

Judgment was given, for plaintiffs, with costs, by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Summary Court this morning, in the action in which the Hong Kong Amusements, Limited, sued the Luen Yick Motor Company, 35, Praya East, for \$300 damages caused to an electric gramophone, by the negligent driving of defendant's truck, on July 16 last.

His Lordship found that the approximate cause of the accident was the negligence of defendant's driver. Had the lorry been properly and carefully driven round the corner by the Hong Kong Electric Company, the accident would never have occurred. His Lordship also found that defendant at the time were acting as common carriers.

The point raised in the defence, that the defendants were never actually in possession of the goods, did therefore not arise. On the point of alleged contributory negligence on the part of plaintiffs, in not casing and securing the gramophone properly, His Lordship could not agree. The primary cause was the negligence of the defendants' driver.

conditions hitherto prevailing in this connection since 1925. Parliament would be asked to say that if the holders did not dissent from conversion at the end of three months' notice of the intended conversion they would be taken as accepting the offer.

National Economy Bill.

The text of Government's Economy Bill was issued to-night. It empowers His Majesty for one month after the Act comes into force to make such Orders-in-Council as may appear necessary for the purpose of effecting economies in respect of the following services—education, national health insurance, police, unemployment insurance, and roads.

Motion for Rejection.

An Opposition motion for the rejection of the National Economy Bill (the second reading of which Mr. MacDonald is to move on September 11) is tabled in the names of the ex-Cabinet Ministers, Mr. Clynnes, Mr. Tom Johnston, Mr. Arthur Greenwood and Mr. Lansbury.

Luxury Imports.

Following the suggestion made by Mr. Runciman (Liberal) in the course of this evening's Budget discussion in the House of Commons, Government has appointed a Committee of three to examine the

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STEAMER'S S.O.S.

MALAY MARU IN DISTRESS.

NEAR FORMOSA

TWO VESSELS TO AID HER.

A message was received by the local Radio Office shortly after noon yesterday, that the Japanese ss. Malay Maru was sending out distress signals. Her position was given as 24 deg. 05' N., and 127 deg. E. The message added that the Gozan Maru and the Total Maru were proceeding to the distressed ship's assistance.

The information, received in Hong Kong, was relayed by the ss. Chicago Maru.

The Hong Kong agents of the Malay Maru are the Yamashita Kisen Kaisha of King's Building, and when a China Mail reporter called there he was informed that beyond the message received by the local Radio Office, quoted above, the Y.K.Y. had heard nothing further about the Malay Maru.

Nature of Trouble Not Known.

They did not know what was the nature of her distress and, as they are only the agents of the ship, it was not anticipated that they would be communicated with, especially as the position of the Malay Maru, as given in the message received here, was too far from Hong Kong for anything to be done from here to assist her.

Near Formosa.

The position of the Malay Maru at the time of her sending out the distress signal, our representative was informed, would be roughly between Formosa and the Liu Kui Islands. In view of her proximity to Formosa, it was anticipated by the agents here that the Japanese Government at Formosa would undertake the task of aiding the distressed vessel, and all further communications regarding the mishap would be sent to the radio station at Kiren.

The Malay Maru, which is owned by the Ishihara Shosen Kaisha, is under the command of Captain F. Tobata and has a crew of 42. She is a cargo vessel, and according to the local agents, was bound for Singapore to Yawata, Japan, with a cargo of iron ore.

According to Lloyd's register, the Malay Maru was formerly the ss. Craighall. She is a steel screw steamer of 4,557 (3,250 net) tonnage, her owners are given as Hoichiro Ishihara, and the port of registry is Dairen. She was built in 1905 by Messrs. D. & W. Henderson & Co., Ltd., Glasgow, and has the following dimensions:—Length, 379.9; breadth, 50.1; depth, 26.

The Gozan Maru, one of the ships proceeding to the Malay Maru's assistance, and the Chicago Maru, which relayed the S.O.S. message, both being to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, while the Total Maru, which also proceeded to the distressed ship's aid, is owned by the Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha.

The fear of nature as an instrument of divine wrath had given way to a new fear—that of the complex mechanism of modern life.—Dr. L. P. Lockhart.

Whatever your profession, it should make you something that is a good advertisement of it. Too often it is the Apostle that kills the Creed.—Dr. Percy Buck.

DEPORTATION STANDS.

Prisoner "Lawfully in Custody."

PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL?

The lengthy hearings in the local Court in the case of Sung Man-cho, alleged Communist and revolutionary, who resisted a Deportation Order made by the Governor-in-Council, came to an end this morning, when the Full Court, composed of the Chief Justice, Sir Joseph H. Kemp, and Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, directed that the order nisi addressed to the Superintendent of Prisons be discharged, and that the application for an order nisi addressed to the Inspector General of Police be refused.

Their Lordships held that the second Deportation Order was valid on all grounds. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, for the defence, immediately after the judgment, stated that he was lodging notice of appeal to the Privy Council. After some discussion, the question of short notice was waived by the Crown, and the application will be heard to-morrow morning.

First Order Invalid.

In giving judgment, the Chief Justice related the facts of the case, and then mentioned the opinion of the Court, given at a previous hearing, that the first Deportation Order was invalid. He then went on to deal in detail with Mr. Jenkin's arguments against the validity of the second Order. On one point raised, he was of opinion that there could be several writs of execution in force against a prisoner at the same time, and there might be simultaneous arrest in all. There might also be concurrent committal warrant. Hence, why could not there be concurrent Deportation Orders?

For the Public Good.

The nullity and invalidity of the first order was clearly indicated before the second was made out, said His Lordship, on another contention. As regards the powers of the Governor-in-Council, he had thought it conducive to the public good that the applicant should remain in the Colony. The Order was a very natural one if he thought the main charge proved. The Order was made at a duly convened and constituted meeting of the Governor-in-Council. Although the Executive Council might act in an advisory capacity, "the Governor makes the Order. It is his act, and not that of the Executive Council.

"No Power to Speculate."

Further, the Chief Justice thought there was no power in the Court to go behind that Order, and speculate on what evidence led the Governor-in-Council to make it. The Governor would always be ready, presumably, to reconsider any Order were it pointed out to him that the evidence previously submitted was untrue or misleading on an important point. But he was the sole judge as to the proper decision on any such reconsideration, should it take place.

Mr. Jenkin having argued that the Order was a sham, the Chief Justice replied, in his judgment, "I cannot possibly regard this Order as a sham. The evidence points to the conclusion that the Deportation Order is a perfectly genuine one. There is no evidence that it is to be used to enable some illegal act to be done. Also the prohibition of the Extradition Acts against the surrender for a political offence relates only to surrender under extradition machinery.

"On the whole, after anxious thought, I have come to the conclusion that section 5 of the Deportation Ordinance has the effect of converting the previously unlawful custody of this applicant into lawful custody, upon and from

PRIME MINISTER AND UNEMPLOYED.

Informal Meeting on Monday.

SIX MEN ONLY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister has consented to receive a deputation, of not more than six unemployed men, on Monday next. The deputation will be informal and not representative of any organisation.—British Wireless Service.

service of a valid Deportation Order."

Questions to Prisoner.

As to the interrogation of prisoners, His Lordship said that he thought it very desirable that officers having interviews under section 3A of the Ordinance, with persons detained, should receive instruction as to their powers. There should be strict adherence to legal powers in all such cases, the more so because the tribunal was a secret one, and much of the proceedings were hidden from the accused person.

On a minor point, His Lordship said the evidence as to prisoner's nationality was very slender. He used a Chinese name, and his appearance was Chinese. Other circumstances led to the prima facie assumption that he was of Chinese nationality. There was no evidence to the contrary. "He was not entitled under the Deportation Ordinance to any choice of route in leaving the Colony, however natural that might seem to be.

Mr. Justice Lindsell concurred in the conclusions of the Chief Justice.

Notice of Appeal.

Mr. Jenkin, after judgment had been given, said to the Court: I have a notice of motion ready to be filed for application to this Court for leave to appeal to the Privy Council. I have to mention it to your Lordships by reason of the fact that the present shipping order operates on Tuesday next.

By rule 3 of the Privy Council rules a motion or petition must be filed or made within 14 days, and the applicant must give the opposite party seven days' notice of his intended application so that the earliest date I can get if I give seven days' notice under that rule is Friday the 18th. There is no power, so far as I can see, in your Lordships, under the Privy Council rules to order short notice of motion so that I want to ask the learned Attorney-General, in the presence of your Lordships, to do one of two things. Either to agree to accept short notice of motion for Monday next, or in the alternative, if he won't do that, or if he cannot do that by reason of the provisions of the rules, that he will give an assurance that until this application can be heard or entertained by this Court, that no deportation of Sung Man-cho will take place.

Mr. Alabaster, in reply said that he was prepared to waive short notice of motion, as it would be manifestly convenient to get the case disposed of. He was quite willing to go on this afternoon, if necessary.

The Chief Justice: "The present shipping order is for next Tuesday, so I think we had better take the hearing to-morrow at 11.30 a.m. To this course Counsel agreed.

Li Sam; Costs Refused.

The Chief Justice then read another judgment, relating to costs in the case of Li Sam, who it will be recalled was discharged, and allowed to leave the Colony after their Lordships had intimated at a previous hearing that the first Deportation Order was illegal.

It was held by the Court that under the circumstances costs could not be granted against the Superintendent of Prisons, even had the Court power to order them, a point which would be reserved.

THE "IRON CHANCELLOR."



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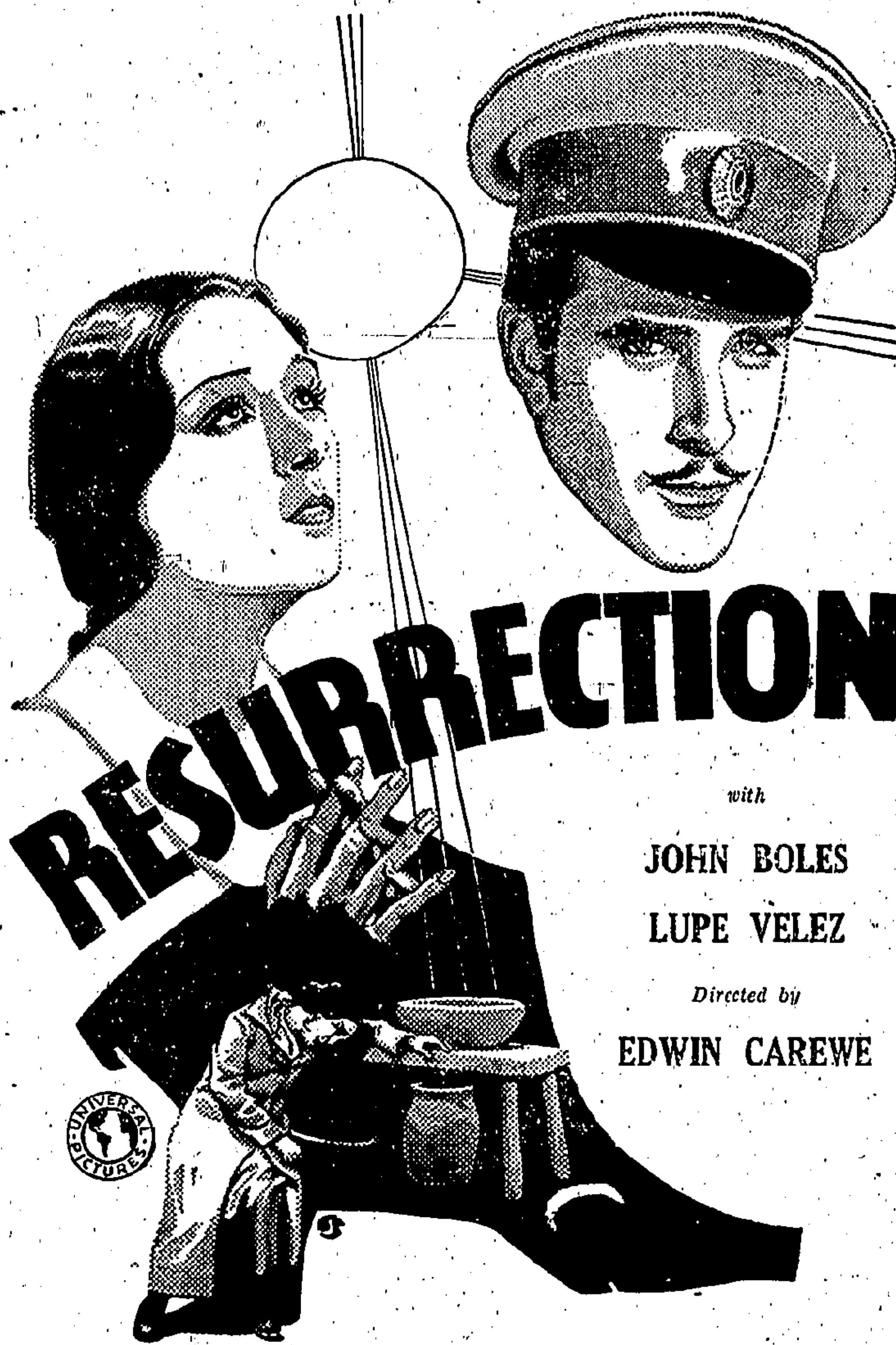
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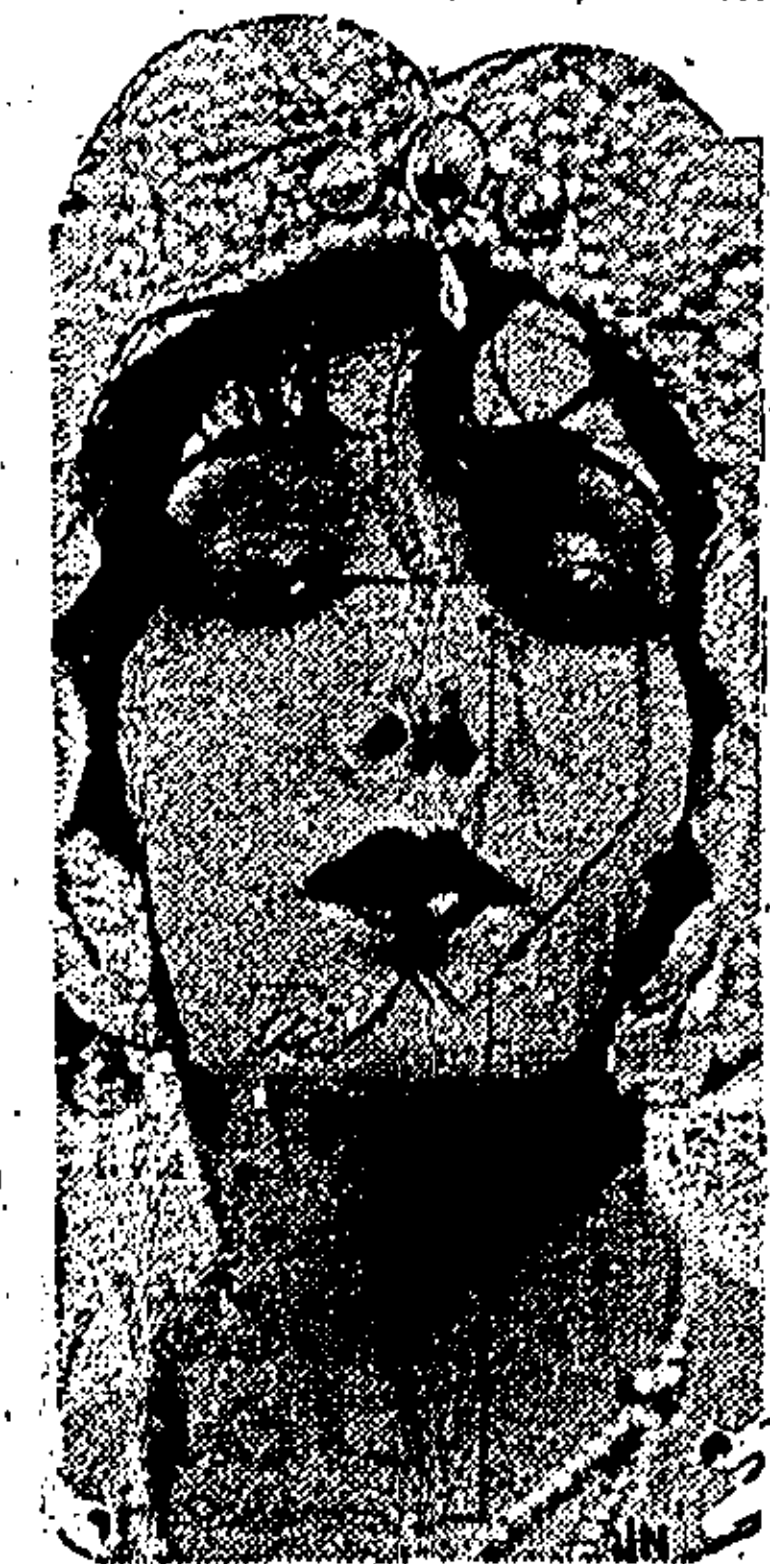
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TALKIE TALKS

by
Diane

The last silent version of Tolstoy's gloomy tragedy—"Resurrection"—in which Dolores del Rio and Rod la Rocque took the parts of the peasant and the Prince reappears with Lupe Velez and John Boles, speaking and, of course, singing. The scenario is virtually the same, and the direction, as before, admirable, for it is again accomplished by Edwin Carewe. My personal opinion is that we are a little tired of the plot. It was done years ago on the stage, screen and even in Opera. The tragic love story of poor little Katusha, the girl who loved not wisely but too well, which means that the Prince rode away and forgot has been done too often. She drifts for seven years and then meets her lover again when he is on a jury which is trying her for murder. Lupe will surprise you for she gives a sincere and unaffected performance. In the weepy role of Tolstoy's harassed and pathetic Katusha, she is distinctly appealing. John Boles makes a handsome Prince Dimitri, who grows out of a life of profligate indulgence into one of noble sacrifice. Nance O'Neil, always good, is the autocratic Aunt. The tempo is a bit slow, but the action is well maintained to hold the interest. Lupe Velez is one of my firm favourites, ever since her dazzling performance in "The Gaucho." The fiery little Mexican, these days, is still temperamental, but a little world-weary. She no longer favours the public lime-light, does not use any more naughty words, nor make love in public. But she is terribly extravagant. Lives in a very large house, with a companion, and a



Lupe Velez.

shaped eyes, and very vivid colouring. She is all fire, beauty and sincerity. Her romance with Garry Cooper has now run cold, and she is on a vaudeville tour, while Garry has been seen much in public in New York with Tallulah Bankhead. Yes, the plot is hackneyed, but the direction and the

stars are worth seeing. (Central.)

"Cimarron" is a real picture, but I doubt its world-wide appeal, because it is too much a reflection of American life. It does, however, get away from the tea-cup comedy drama, and the gangster stuff, and is human and enormously exciting. It covers a stretch of forty years, which makes it episodic. It begins in Oklahoma in 1889 with Yancey and Sabra Cravat among the early settlers of the Territory, and ends in 1929 with the election of Sabra to Congress and her reunion with her vagrant husband who dies in her arms. Yancey is easily the best performance that Richard Dix has ever given. Irene Dunne, from Musical Comedy, gives the surprise performance as Sabra. She is real, sympathetic, refined, yet with that strength of character and graciousness so typical of the women from the Southern States. Oh, I must not forget an old favourite in Estelle Taylor, as Dixie Lee, a lady of easy virtues. And also Edna May Oliver, who makes us regret that her part is so small. The cast is a very large one and, incidentally, let it be noticed that the direction is most accurate in costumes, scenery and details of Edna Ferber's thrilling novel of the pioneer days. This is by far the best picture turned out by R.K.O. The critics are unanimous in declaring it to be one of the finest films of the year. (Queen's.)

El Brendel bursts into stardom in "Mr. Lemon of Orange," which is a burlesque of racketeers, and mistaken identity stuff. El Brendel and Fifi Dorsay do their best with the material. I think the other comedy, due in "The Fox Week," "Up the River" (Slang expression for a trip up the Hudson to Sing Sing Prison) with Spencer Tracy in a part, the type of which he excels. Warren Hymer comes

across with work that will give him a long screen career. Humphrey Bogart, Claire Luce, William Collier Senr, and the small daughter of the Warden of Sing Sing are there also. It deals with the lighter side of life behind prison walls. A constant stream of humour relieves any situation about to become tense. The whole cast is grand, and the picture should mean big Box-Office returns here. Collier is funny as the manager of the prison Baseball Team. How well I remember this comedian on the stage of the Comedy Theatre in London. Claire Luce is well known in London. She was in the original company that played "Broadway," then in the Ziegfeld Follies. Warren Hymer, seen as the Racketeer in "Charlie Chan," is the son of a well-known dramatist, has also toured England in a Company, and is a graduate of Yale University. I think you will agree that this is a funny comedy, one of the best Fox has given us. (King's.)

Marion Davies in a Belasco hit—It's a Wise Child—directed by Robert Z. Leonard, with Lester Vail, Sydney Blackmer (husband of



Marion Davies.

Lenore Ulrich), Polly Moran, Marie Prevost, and Jimmy Gleason. Certainly risqué, but it has passed the

censor. I do not think anyone has a greater flair for comedy than Marion, and how that girl photographs. I am a Davies Fan, so I recommend it. (Queen's.)

A British International—"Almost a Honeymoon" is a longdrawn out bedroom farce with two new-comers in Clifford Mollison and Dorothy Watts. He tries to be funny, and she strives to look beautiful. Like all British film there are many slips in the details. The butler is the best of the group. An American, Monty Banks, did the directing, but no one deserves any bouquets. (Queen's.)

Coming to the Central is "Men without Women," a Fox Film, directed by John Ford, who was presented with the Gold Medal for his work with "Four Sons." I wrote about it a few months ago. It is the story of an American submarine S13 which leaves Shanghai bound for Hong Kong, in a dense fog, and is sent 16 fathoms down in the China Sea by a freighter. It pictures disaster and heroism in a steel prison. Magnificent performances are given by Kenneth McKenna as the British ex-Naval Officer, trying to escape from his past. Paul Page, Frank Albertson, as the young Ensign given his first Command, Warren Hymer Farrell Macdonald and others make up the cast. No women, except those seen in a certain street in Shanghai, (which will most likely be "cut") are in the cast. Under the mental strain the real nature of each man comes to the surface. Radio disabled, water slowly entering. Their plight is desperate. The Commander is terribly inexperienced, so Chief-Torpedoman Burke virtually takes command. Only in the last moments is his life story unfolded, and we see the reason which has brought him to his present position. The story will grip you, as it did me. I shall not

disclose the thrilling finish but, highly recommend it. (Central.)

Due also at the Central is "The Iron Man" with Lew Ayres, as the prize-fighter, and Robert Armstrong stealing the picture as the Manager. The platinum-blonde of "Hell's Angels" fame, Jean Harlow, appears. She is not a particular pet of mine, for I think she relies too much on sex-appeal and not acting. It is, however, worth seeing. (Central.)

Positively coming soon is Elissa Landi in "Body and Soul," story of spies, aeroplanes and mistaken identity. Certainly old stuff, but we are given La Landi, the lovely, exotic-cultured-exquisite who makes Myrna Loy pale into insignificance. Charles Farrell, with his toneless voice and his insistent juvenility, does not count; although he is opposite the star. Humphrey Bogart does well. So many of us have seen Miss Landi on the stage in London, that we look forward to seeing her first American film. Critics declare her to be one of the best bets of the screen, and place her beside the Garbo. Wait and see. (King's.)

"Men Call it Love" has been utterly split in transit from stage to screen, or, perhaps, it was the cast chosen. It is tedious and far too talky.

"Derelict" is splendid in every way. I do like that voice of the girl, and hope she is given some chances. Bancroft, and Boyd always good.

A child, aged six, sitting next to me, enjoyed "Pardon Us." It is to be hoped Messrs. Laurel and Hardy do not fool the public any more with a fifty minute Five-Reeler. I, for one, hope they will stick to Two-Reelers. And the gags?—They were funny thirty

years ago. As I said before the child next to me laughed.

If one can understand the most exaggerated stage American, then they most likely followed the story of "Outside the Law." I was frankly disappointed in Edward G. Robinson, who was so wonderful as the Gangster in "Little Caesar." And Mary Nolan is not so beautiful as she was a year ago, and rather overdid things as hardboiled "Moll" of "Fingers" O'Dell, who also shows us how gangsters talk through the sides of their mouths.

Carole Lombard is ethereally beautiful in "Up Pops the Devil," but I do not favour Norman Foster as a juvenile lead. He is only capable of small parts.

In "Kick In" Clara Bow was given very little real opportunity, but Regis Toomey and Leslie Fenton gave good performances. It is a pity to see James Murray in such small parts these days, but he has only himself to blame. I wonder if the American detective gums on his hat! And they do seem to talk a lot, and are most rude to each other. Don't we learn a lot about American Justice from these films? Talking on that subject reminds me of one of the better films, "The Trial of Mary Dugan." When has Norma Shearer done better work? Also H.B. Warner had a trying part, that must be pages and pages of script. All parts are perfectly acted.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

BOXING ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Success of Tournaments Reported.

MORE MEMBERS WANTED.

At the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, held yesterday evening in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Mr. R. M. Dyer, who presided, referred to the successful tournaments held last season, which showed a profit of over \$1,400. Unfortunately, the general account was down about \$35, and an appeal was to be made for early payment of overdue subscriptions.

There was a good deal of talent in the Navy, mostly new to the Colony, and another successful season could be looked forward to.

Mr. Dyer, presenting the report and accounts, said:—
The report and accounts for the past year having been in your hands for several days I will with your permission take them as read:—

The result of the last season was very much more satisfactory than the previous two, or three seasons, and you will observe from the accounts that the tournaments showed a profit of \$1,488.11 as against \$497.59 for the previous year and a loss of \$984.39 for the year ended June 30, 1929. It is regrettable, however, that the General Account shows a loss of \$34.95.

It is usually hoped that the subscriptions of members will cover general expenses, but the membership has fallen off and a number of subscriptions are in arrears. The Secretary has been instructed to issue a circular asking for new members and to endeavour to collect all arrears. It is hoped that all members will themselves try to interest others in the Association and get new members.

Successful Tournaments.
During the season under review, four most successful tournaments were held, and the Theatre Royal was generally filled to capacity. The names of the winners of the Championship appear in the print.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's League Matches.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Arsenal	v.	Sunderland
Aston Villa	v.	Derby Cnty.
Blackburn R.	v.	Derby Cnty.
Blackpool	v.	Birmingham
Bolton W.	v.	Portsmouth
Everton	v.	Manchester C.
Huddersfield	v.	West Ham
Leicester C.	v.	Liverpool
Middlesbrough	v.	Wednesday
Newcastle	v.	Chelsea
Sheffield U.	v.	West Bromwich

Second Division.

Barnsley	v.	Swansea T.
Bradford	v.	Notts Forest
Bristol C.	v.	Millwall
Charlton A.	v.	Burnley
Manchester U.	v.	Tottenham
Notts Cnty.	v.	Leeds Un.
Oldham A.	v.	Port Vale
Plymouth A.	v.	Bradford C.
Southampton	v.	Bury
Stoke City	v.	Preston N.E.
Wolves	v.	Chesterfield

Third Division (South).

Bournemouth	v.	Exeter C.
Brentford	v.	Coventry C.
Brighton	v.	Clapton O.
Crystal Pal.	v.	Queen's P.R.
Fulham	v.	Luton T.
Mansfield T.	v.	Torquay U.
Norwich C.	v.	Swindon T.
Reading	v.	Northampton T.
Southend U.	v.	Cardiff C.
Thames	v.	Gillingham
Watford	v.	Bristol Rovers

Third Division (North).

Barrow	v.	New Brighton
Chester	v.	Halifax T.
Crewe A.	v.	Wigan Boro'
Doncaster R.	v.	Wrexham
Hartlepool	v.	Darlington
Hull City	v.	Gateshead
Lincoln City	v.	Walsall
Rochdale	v.	Carlisle U.
Southport	v.	Accrington S.
Tranmere R.	v.	Rotherham
York City	v.	Stockport Cnty.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Airdrieonians	v.	Hamilton A.
Ayr United	v.	Kilmarnock
Celtic	v.	Queen's Park
Cowdenbeath	v.	Leith Ath.
Dundee	v.	Dundee Un.

Second Division.

Airdrieonians	v.	Hamilton A.
Ayr United	v.	Kilmarnock
Celtic	v.	Queen's Park
Cowdenbeath	v.	Leith Ath.
Dundee	v.	Dundee Un.

SWINDON DEFEAT QUEEN'S PARK.

Advance Eight Places in the Table.

CARLISLE & WREXHAM DRAW.

London, Yesterday.

The following two matches were played in the English League today and the results as cabled by Reuter were as follows:—

Third Division (South).

Queen's P.R.		1		Swindon T.		2		Goals.		F.A. Pt.	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.				
Southend U.	4	3	1	0	8	2	8				
Fulham	4	3	0	1	10	4	8				
Crystal Pal.	4	3	0	1	14	7	8				
Bournemouth	4	2	2	0	7	3	8				
Mansfield T.	4	2	1	1	7	9	8				
Brighton	4	2	1	1	5	8	8				
Brentford	4	2	1	1	5	8	8				
Northampton	4	2	1	1	5	8	8				
Watford	4	2	0	2	11	11	8				
Swindon	4	2	0	2	9	7	8				
Clapton O.	4	2	0	2	7	5	8				
Coventry C.	4	2	0	2	7	8	8				
Exeter C.	4	2	0	2	6	8	8				
Luton T.	4	2	0	2	6	8	8				
Bristol R.	4	2	0	2	5	9	8				
Cardiff C.	4	1	1	2	7	5	8				
Reading	4	1	1	2	5	9	8				
Gillingham	4	1	1	2	4	7	8				
Thames	4	0	2	2	2	5	8				
Norwich C.	4	0	2	2	2	4	8				
Torquay U.	4	0	2	2	3	24	8				
Queen's P.R.	4	0	1	3	2	7	8				

Third Division (North).

Carlisle U.	2	Wrexham	2	Goals.	Pt.	
	P.	W.	D.	L.		
Gateshead	4	4	0	0	15	2
Southport	4	4	0	0	7	3
Lincoln C.	4	3	0	1	11	3
Hull City	4	3	0	1	10	5
Crewe A.	4	3	0	1	7	6
Barrow	4	3	0	1	7	6
Accrington S.	4	2	2	1	11	10
York City	4	2	0	2	5	5
Carlisle U.	4	2	0	2	8	7
Chastell	4	1	2	1	10	7
Wrexham	4	1	2	1	7	6
Doncaster R.	3	1	1	1	4	4
Stockport	4	1	1	2	5	5
Halifax	4	1	1	2	4	4
Wigan Boro'	4	1	1	2	4	4
Hartlepool	4	0	3	1	5	11
Rotherham	3	1	0	2	7	4
Tranmere R.	4	1	0	3	7	9
Darlington	4	1	0	3	5	6
Walsall	4	1	0	3	4	8
Rochdale	4	0	1	3	3	14
N. Brighton	4	0	1	2	2	9

Hearts v. Aberdeen.
Motherwell v. Falkirk.
Partick T. v. Rangers.
St. Mirren v. Morton.
Third Lanark v. Clyde.

H.M. ABRAHAMS ON SPRINTING.

In watching our A.A.A. 100 yards champion (E. L. Page), and the inter-Varsity sprint winner (J. D. Wade) run recently I have been struck by the fact that while both possess incredibly good finishes they are extremely slow into their running, writes H. M. Abrahams in the Sporting Chronicle. I have not yet had the opportunity of closely analysing what are the reasons for this sluggishness, but as on the whole the majority of our sprinters seem to be singularly slow off the mark it may be of help to many if I offer a few suggestions.

The Start.
Too much time and trouble cannot possibly be spent over starting. It is not that the difference between a good and a bad start may mean as much as a yard in the first ten, and that is fatal enough; but the man who gets an indifferent start is worried about it all the way, and not only loses the actual distance resulting from the very start itself, but never really runs his best throughout the race.

Regular Increase Stride.
I am convinced from my study and practice that the best method of starting is that by which the runner attains to his maximum speed by strides which increase regularly in length until the maximum stride is reached.

That First Stride.
The first thing to be meticulously careful about is the very first stride. Apart from the question of a bad position in the holes (and I observe many sprinters digging their holes too close together, and also too near to the starting line), the main fault is the anxiety of runners to get into their running too quickly.

Over-Anxiety.
Perhaps it will come as a surprise to readers to know that when I was sprinting I never reached my maximum stride until

I have covered between 45 and 50 yards, and then only by a perfectly regular acceleration. Many sprinters seem over-anxious to get going, and in consequence they

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

HOCKEY—To-morrow—Y.M.C.A. Trial Match at King's Park.

CRICKET—To-day—Hong Kong Cricket League Meeting at 5.15 P.M.

LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—First Division—Civil Service C.C. v. Craigengower C.C.; Second Division—H.K. Electric R.C. v. Club de Recreation; Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Yacht Club v. Craigengower C.C.

ABROAD.

CRICKET—To-day—H. D. Leveson Gower's XI. v. New Zealand at Scarborough.

TENNIS—To-day and To-morrow—U.S. Men's Singles at Forest Hills.

RACING—To-day—Doncaster Cup.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Full English and Scottish Programmes.

are often quite well away for the first stride or two only to come too upright and definitely dwell in their strides.

Winter Practice.
I strongly advise anyone who wants to improve his sprinting to spend considerable time in the winter months making those first half-a-dozen or even more strides a matter of such precision that he can put down pieces of paper at measured distances along the track and pick them up with his spikes.

Model Strides.

Here is a list of my first 15 strides:—

1, 3 ft. 3 in.; 2, 3 ft.; 3, 4 ft. 1 in.; 4, 4 ft. 7½ in.; 5, 4 ft. 10 in.; 6, 5 ft. 6 in.; 7, 5 ft. 7 in.; 8, 5 ft. 11½ in.; 9, 5 ft. 11½ in.; 10, 6 ft. 3½ in.; 11, 6 ft. 4 in.; 12, 6 ft. 6½ in.; 13, 6 ft. 7 in.; 14, 6 ft. 11 in.; 15, 6 ft. 10 in.

Length Cut Down.

My maximum stride throughout the race was 7 ft. 8½ in. This was in early May, 1924, when I ran a trial in 0.52. After that I set about cutting down my length, so as to get better weight distribution and more balanced body control. I think by the time of the 1924 Olympic Games my maximum stride would be under 7 ft. 6 in.

"Speed Wobble."

Another small matter which will tend to result in a bad action in sprinting is the succumbing to the temptation of watching an opponent, particularly if he is slightly ahead. This inevitably leads to your stride going too far out to the left or right, as the case may be, with the resultant "speed-wobble."

Mechanical Performance.

Sprinting really should be reduced to an absolutely mechanical performance. Ideally, a class sprinter should always cover 100 yards in exactly the same number of strides, and at full speed each stride should be the same length. I do not suggest that this is really attainable, but it is what one should aim at.

Measured Strides.

Spend a lot of time in the winter months practising starting with a pistol. Do not attempt to leave the holes as fast as possible, but rather aim at leaving quite slowly with regular, measured strides.

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China's Affliction.

It is all to the good that the recent calamities in China should attract great attention in the Press in Great Britain and evoke expressions of universal sympathy from the League of Nations in Geneva. It was long ago remarked that the destruction of a million people in China affects us less than the death of a person at our own doors. But even those least interested in Chinese affairs may well be concerned by the appalling series of disasters by which China has been visited in recent years, not only on the humanitarian ground that the awful misery of millions of human beings should touch the most callous heart, but because China's misfortunes are in some measure the cause of ours, and may yet be the cause of more. The long series of civil wars has torn the Chinese nation into incoherent fragments. Though there has been a supreme central Government in Nanking, it is flouted to-day by the recently created rival Government in Canton and may be opposed any day by fresh "rebel" factions in the North. The worse feature, of course, of these civil wars is not so much the actual fighting as the fact that they exhaust the resources which China sorely needs to consolidate and develop and, still more, that they have broken down law and order over great areas which are now devastated by hordes of desperate bandits and Communists.

The worst floods within living memory have added to the general destruction. Vast stretches of populous country have been inundated; whole populations have been drowned like rats or flooded out of their homes and fields, and reduced to hopeless starvation. Famine is inevitable; it is more than likely to be accompanied or followed by great epidemics. Incidentally, it is worth pointing out that some part of the flooding is directly due to the civil wars and consequent neglect of the dykes and other precautions for keeping water within bounds. Thus, as with other evils, one thing leads to another and makes that worse which was bad enough before. Between civil wars and rebellions, banditry, Communism, floods, and famine, China might well be termed in these days the martyr among nations. And there is still no visible end to her calamities.

Any effort on the part of Great Britain, and other Powers to alleviate the existing distress or to co-operate in restoring order out of chaos will ultimately react favourably on themselves and hasten the economic prosperity of the world. The only note of warning needed is that all moneys transmitted from outside China for flood and famine relief work must be utilised for that purpose and not commandeered by any of the innumerable military factions for their own sordid ends.

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News in Brief.

One non-Chinese case of typhoid fever was notified from the mainland on Wednesday.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Shanghai on account of cholera.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended August 29 amounted to 88,259 metric tons, and the sales to 83,250 metric tons.

Repairs to the submarine cable, between Murray Pier and the Kowloon Railway Station, are being carried out to-day, the vessel engaged in the work exhibiting the usual signals.

The population on the Island on August 31 was estimated at 380,750 compared with 445,440 on the same date last year. On the mainland the population on August 31 was estimated at 289,600 as against 178,620 a year ago.

"The Social Lion" featuring Mary Brian, Jack Oakie and Skeets Gallagher will be shown at the Majestic Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The next change on Sunday will be "Scotland Yard," which stars Edmund Lowe and Joan Bennett.

In a brilliant speech which was thunderously applauded by the League Assembly, Lord Cecil said that no Government, least of all the British Government, could tolerate any proposal for the postponement of the Disarmament Conference, says a Router cable from Geneva.

Police Sergeant and Mrs. E. W. Post, Lance-Sergeant L. G. A. Boffin, and Lance-Sergeant L. C. Pennell, returned from leave yesterday on the P. & O. s.s. Mantua.

The forged bank notes which a Chinese and a Japanese are alleged to be trying to dispose of are of the face value of \$100 each and not \$10 as inadvertently reported yesterday.

When a concrete hoist at a house under construction in Sam Kung Road collapsed, it caused injuries to a watchman, Ting Shing (52), of 37 Reclamation Street. He was taken to hospital.

Shun Sam (42), a married woman, was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday, suffering from wounds in the head, which are alleged to have been inflicted by her husband, during an altercation at 303 Reclamation Street, Yau-mat.

Leo Arthur D'A. Guimaraes faced further charges before Mr. Williams yesterday afternoon, in connection with an alleged \$3,000 bank note fraud in which the complainant is Ho Fui-yim, a broker. After evidence was adduced, Guimaraes was committed for trial.

FINE GENERALLY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued at 10.35 o'clock this morning says:—

The typhoon is about 200 miles S.E. of Shanghai, moving North.

A depression is central to the South of the South of Hanoi.

Forecast:—W. winds, moderate; fine generally.

Typhoon Warning.
The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory by the American Consulate-General this morning:—

Manila 11, 10.15 a.m.—Typhoon in about 124 degrees Long. E. and 30 degrees Lat. N., inclining Northward.

Rainfall.
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, nil.

Total since January 1—67.84 inches against an average of 69.55 inches—deficit 1.69 inches.

Temperature.
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong 79

Macao 79

Pratas Island 81

Manila 77

Poochow 81

Amoy 80

Chefoo 68

Shanghai 76

Personal Pars.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Mackintosh, of Hong Kong, have arrived in Shanghai and are staying at the Cathay Hotel.

Mrs. P. Lee-Duncan, wife of the late Lieutenant-Surgeon H. Lee-Duncan, of H.M.S. Mantis, is visiting Shanghai.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Bernard Joseph Murray, Kowloon Hotel, to Julia Marguerite Weigle, 11, Cameron Road.

Mr. C. B. Morrison, Mr. H. M. Kew, Mr. C. V. Manney and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hudson arrived here from Shanghai by the Dollar s.s. President Wilson.

The American Consul General and Mrs. Maynard left Singapore for a holiday in Java on September 4. They expect to return in early November. The American Consulate-General is in charge of Mr. Harold Shantz (formerly of Hong Kong) during September and Mr. Roy Bower during October.

In the Dockyard Recreation Club yesterday evening Mr. Korman was presented by Mr. T. G. Wells, Inspector (in the absence of the Chief Constructor) with a handsome tortoise-shell dressing set from the staff. Mr. W. Bickford, president, Mr. Korman is proceeding home to Chatham Yard.

Friends of Lance-Sergeant "Paddy" Wynne, of the Police, the well-known footballer, who was some time ago reported to be seriously ill suffering from acute dysentery, will be glad to hear he is making a good recovery and is now out of danger. It will be some little time yet, however, before he can be discharged from the Kowloon Hospital.

"RESURRECTION" Very Modern Version of Tolstol.

BEAUTIFUL SCENES.

A number of years ago an enthusiastic producer gave London theatre-goers what he was pleased to term a "dress-suit" version of Shakespeare. It was an interesting experiment, and it was said at the time that there were those amongst the audience who closed their eyes and said it was Shakespeare. Others said it was not.

Similar remarks might well apply to the 1931 version of Tolstol's "Resurrection," shown to Pressmen at a special preview at the Central Theatre yesterday morning. Not that it is presented in dress suits. The orthodox trappings of Russia, 1875, are very much in evidence, at least to the uncritical eye. But the accent is indubitably of the present decade, and some of the interior scenes, cause one to suspect—to use a printer's idiom—that they have been "kept standing." The court scene in particular is pleasantly familiar.

A High Level.

Nevertheless, the talkie version of the famous work is not without its attraction, looked upon as one interpretation of an art that was universal. And Luke Velaz, seen for the first time by the writer (and confession!), works very hard, and in the main, very successfully, to portray the tragic destiny of the unfortunate Katoushka, reaching a high level in the scene where she is found, stupid with drink, numb with misery, in prison, by her tardily repentant lover.

Unfortunately, "Dmitri" is rather too much for John Boles, who gives a strangely uneven performance. He is admittedly not helped much by the text, which jumps seven years in the course of one curt sub-title. This makes it difficult to follow Dmitri's mental processes, which have changed him from a swashbuckling Guardsman to a rather futile humanitarian. It is most unfortunate, as the psychological metamorphosis of Dmitri is perhaps the most absorbing theme in the original work.

Superb Crowd Scenes.

The producers have handled the crowd scenes superbly, and the camera work is quite beyond reproach—what an object lesson to our still groping British directors! But, as may be gathered, the whole dish has a faint, but unmistakable, transatlantic flavour for which it is necessary to be duly prepared. Preparedness is half the battle!

The film is advertised as an "all-talking, singing classic, with four big song hits," which might not have pleased the Russian philosopher; but it is only fair to say that the "song hits" are not too much in evidence, and in no way disturb the tenor of the story. Not everybody will approve of the talkie version of "Resurrection," but it is emphatically worth a visit, considered as a serious effort to contribute towards the more modern microphone movie.

TENNIE.

UNUSUAL SUICIDE.

Clerk Who Slid Through A
Club Window.

An extraordinary way of committing suicide was described at an inquest on Alfred Perry (52), a clerk, at Greenwich recently.

It was stated that he went to a top room at the Blackheath Liberal Club, secured the door by placing chair under the handle, and threw up the bottom sash of the window. He then placed two small card-tables end to end on a level with the inside of the window, laid himself on the table, and appeared to have slithered forward through the window which was only open about fifteen inches.

He fell 35 feet on to the stone steps at the entrance to the club, and died soon after being admitted to hospital.

The secretary of the club said that Perry collected subscriptions and managed some of their accounts. Everything was in order. A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was recorded.

Although literature used to be called a Heavenly Maid, she appears to have a large progeny. Miss Rose Macaulay.

DISORDER AT STAGHOUND MEET.

Exmoor Crowd and
Demonstrators.

ABUSE AND JEERS.

Minhead, August 5.
Disorder occurred to-day when a demonstration was held on the occasion of the opening meet, at Cloutsham, of the Devon and Somerset Staghounds.

The League for the Prohibition of Cruel Sports had arranged to issue to members free tickets from London to Minhead.

The attendance did not, however, reach expectations, only about twenty being present.

Early in the morning a group of demonstrators appeared at Webber Post, one of the points from which the chase is viewed annually by thousands of people. On arriving they unfurled banners with such inscriptions as:

"Civilisation Demands Justice for Animals."

"Stag-hunting is not Cricket."

"Play the Game."

"Abolish the shameful sport of Stag Hunting."

"See that your M.P. supports the anti-hunting bill."

The party were greeted with abuse and jeers by hunting folk gathered at the spot, and they were warned by police officers of the possible consequences if they persisted in their demonstration.

Marching to Cloutsham Hall, where the meet was in progress, the party held a short demonstration on the way, and after a wordy argument between them and the crowd, police officers took some names.

Blows Exchanged.

The League had been warned by Sir Francis Acland, owner of the land, that the meet must not be interfered with. The demonstrators lined up by the public road exhibiting their banners to a crowd several thousand strong.

Speeches were commenced, and for a time there was no display of ill-feeling, but eventually one or two of the women folk, whose husbands depend on hunting for a living, began to abuse the demonstrators.

One woman on horseback rode in front of the ranks collecting anti-hunting literature, and before the distributors had realised her intention she had torn it up in front of their eyes, to the amusement of the crowd.

One of the representatives of the League then mounted a fence and attempted to photograph the crowd. His action was noted by a local farmer, who impeded him.

A struggle ensued, and the farmer appears to have been injured in the face. This was the signal for a general scuffle, and blows were freely exchanged.

Police Protection.

Horsemen moved to and fro jostling the demonstrators, and the situation became such that the demonstrators had to seek police protection against the temper of the crowd.

Under escort of police officers the party attempted to reach their motor-coach a mile and a half away. For that distance they were followed by a large crowd on foot and on horseback, who kept up a running fire of boos and hunting cries, mingled with notes from a hunting horn.

One woman attempted to photograph the crowd from a window on the coach, but a man on horseback drove his horse's head into the open window, causing her to withdraw hurriedly. When she tried to take a photograph from inside caps and hats were held against the window to prevent her from doing so. Eventually the coach moved off, followed by the horsemen, amid prolonged cheers for stag hunting.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of September 11, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/8 1/2.

The Yau-mat Police raided No. 4, Pine Street on Saturday afternoon and seized a quantity of Kwangsi Bank notes, and engraved brass plates and stones, bearing facsimiles of the front and the backs of the notes. They arrested two men and a woman. When they were charged before Magistrate Orme with unlawful possession of forged notes, printing counterfeit notes and possession of counterfeiting implements, Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the defence and applied for a remand until Wednesday. The application was granted, but bail was refused.

DANGEROUS DRIVING CASES.

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LEARNER FINED HEAVILY

When two summonses against Kwok Lam-shung, a student from Canton, for driving in a controlled area with a learner's licence, and dangerous driving, were mentioned before Mr. Searfield this morning, a representative appeared on behalf of the defendant and pleaded Guilty.

Learner's Erratic Course.
Prosecuting, Traffic Inspector Alexander said that defendant was driving a car from the tramway terminus at Causeway Bay, through Whitfield, along the Shaikwan Road toward Quarry Bay. He followed the car past the polo ground, and defendant drove through Whitfield (which is a controlled area) at a speed of about 30 miles an hour, his course being not a very straight one. Past the bend at Hong Kong Electric premises the defendant accelerated his speed to 40 miles an hour and kept swerving. He was eventually stopped a little way past the Ming Yuen Garden.

The defendant, who had a child, three young men, and a lady in the car, was told by the Inspector that he had acted very foolishly and that he ought to be ashamed of himself. When asked for his licence, defendant produced a learner's licence which he had had for two days only. The prosecuting officer added that one of the men in the car stated that defendant had driving experience in Canton.

Fines totalling \$37 were imposed by his Worship.

Another instance of dangerous driving was brought to his Worship's notice by Traffic Sergeant Baker who stated that he was riding his solo motor cycle along Des Vaux Road West, in a westerly direction, when at the junction of Hillier Street, a Chinese drove a car across the road without sounding the horn. This caused the Sergeant to pull up with unexpected suddenness. The Sergeant added that a collision was avoided as both vehicles pulled up quickly. Inspector Alexander said that the defendant has quite a good record, having been commended by a Police Magistrate on one occasion. A fine of \$20 was imposed.

QUID PRO QUO.

Here is a cricket story which is new to us.

A junior club had arranged an afternoon fixture with a country team. The match, which was won by the visitors, proved most enjoyable, and was followed by a "high tea" with speeches. Congratulating the visitors on their victory, the home captain referred to the pleasure which the match had given to all, and hinted that there might be a *quid pro quo*. The visiting captain's reply was brief and non-committal. Later he

NO DESPAIR IN THE DEATH CELL.

Prison Governor "Astounded."

MURDERERS COOL.

Murderers never break down in the condemned cell or on their way to the gallows.

That is the experience of Lieut. Colonel Charles E. P. Rich, D.S.O., who has just retired from the post of governor of Wandsworth Gaol after thirty years in prison service.

"It has always astounded me to find murderers so cool and collected even when they know there is no hope of a reprieve," he said, in a talk with a Daily Express representative.

"I have never known a murderer give way to despair in the condemned cell, and I have never known one falter on his way to the gallows. No one can tell what are their innermost thoughts but I have always found them to all outward appearance, quite unmoved."

Graded Punishments.
"Hanging a man is an unpleasant job, but it has to be done. I would not abolish capital punishment for the worst class of murderers, but I do think there should be various degrees of murder, and that the punishment should be graded according to the enormity of the crime."

Colonel Rich has seen many changes in prison conditions since he joined the service, but he is not sure they are all for the best.

"It seems to me there is a tendency to be too 'sloppy' over prisoners," he said. "Concerts and lectures are all very well, but a man should be made to earn the privilege of attending, and he should not be allowed to expect such relaxations as a right."

"Then there is a tendency to relax discipline, and there is too much foolish sentiment wasted over prisoners."

"I am the first to agree that the man who wants to go straight should be given every chance, but at the same time, it is as well to remember that there are hundreds of blackguards in the prisons of the country who have no intention of leading an honest life."

Suffering from a fractured right leg, the result of an accidental fall from a motor lorry which was in motion in Bonham Road, Wong Sau (45), a coolie was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, Chan On (26), a man, was also taken to hospital, suffering from a fractured skull which is believed to have been caused by a fall from a moving tramcar.

sought out the home "skipper," and stated that his team truly appreciated the hospitality and would return it as soon as possible but he thought that a *quid pro quo*, on top of the travelling expenses, was too much for the club's resources. Would a "ten bob tip" meet the case?

POPULAR POLICE SERGEANT.

Being Invalided Home.

LOSS TO FORCE.

With the departure of Sergeant Patrick Jesse Condon, who is being invalided home on the P. and O. Cathay, which sails to-morrow, the Police Force will lose one of its most popular members and keenest sportsman. He was one of those, who although he did not know the game well, would play just to complete the team. He figured in football, cricket, bowls, tennis, and almost every other sport.

Coming from Battersea, England, Sergeant Condon joined the force here on July 12, 1919, being then 23 years of age. He soon made numerous friends, and gained much popularity. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on November 26, 1925.

In 1921, he gained his First Aid Badge, passing out also as a machine gunner and motor driver. On September 29, 1925, he was commended by H. E. the Governor (then Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) for excellent work done on the occasion of the Po Hing Fong disaster on July 16, of the same year. He was also commended for his work during the succeeding period.

During the general strike in 1925, Sergeant Condon was connected with the anti-piracy guards and saw service on the s.s. Tai Lee. In the following year, he was transferred to the Guards Office and then was acting Station Officer of the Fire Brigade for a considerable period. He has been stationed at Central, Sai Kung and Yau-mati.

On his return from leave, early this year, Sergeant Condon complained of stomach trouble and had been a patient in hospital on three occasions. Early in August, he was taken again to the Government Civil Hospital, from where he will be taken on a stretcher to-morrow to the steamer.

WOMAN'S CLAIM TO NOBILITY.

Marks on Body Like Coats of Arms.

SECRET OF BIRTH.

A curious claim by a woman who has no surname that she is the daughter of a duke and of a princess belonging to famous Royal families is shortly to be examined by the Paris Civil Tribunal.

The "Matin" describes this woman's efforts to discover the mysterious secret of her birth. It appears, according to an entry in a register at the Mairie of the First Arrondissement in Paris that she was born in 1890. This entry, which is incomplete, was made in the margin next to one that has been obliterated. At an early age she was abandoned to the Poor Law authorities, and she passed her youth in Normandy in extreme poverty. After many adventures she reached Paris and succeeded in improving her position.

Five years ago the doctors whom she visited noticed sixteen strange scars similar in size and shape on her body, and expressed the opinion that they were old tattoo marks. Experts who examined these scars came to the conclusion that a highly-skilled worker had tattooed sixteen coats of arms on this woman's body when she was in her cradle, and that before she was three years old an attempt had been made to burn them out.

Two Famous Families.
British and German authorities of heraldry, who have studied photographs of the tattoo marks, have suggested that, taken together, they represent an alliance between two famous families. One surprising fact is that the entries in the records of the Poor Law authorities concerning this woman state that she bears no distinctive marks, whereas reference should obviously have been made either to the tattooing or, if it had been obliterated—to the scars.

The Court is to be asked to help her to establish her paternity.

the Tories and Liberals and bankers.

On the other hand, Liberal and Conservative organs are satisfied that the burdens of taxation have been distributed as equally as is possible.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEW BUDGET.

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practicability of absolutely prohibiting luxury imports.—Reuter. Warning Recalled.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In giving the figure of the threatened deficit on the current year, Mr. Snowden reminded the House of the grave warning he had given in February last, and again on the eve of the adjournment in July regarding the budgetary position.

Effect of Trade Depression.
The trade depression he said, had reduced the yield of taxes and, at the same time, increased National expenditure. National income had been falling and, while seven years ago the Unemployment Fund was paying its way and paying off its debt, this year it was costing the Exchequer about £100,000,000.

Mr. Snowden explained that Government had decided that borrowing for the Unemployment and Road Funds must cease, though this involved an addition of £34,000,000 to the vote for the year.

He put the fall in revenue at £29,000,000—£25,000,000 on account of inland Revenue and £4,000,000 on account of Customs and Excise.

Cost of Hoover Plan to Britain.
The suspension of War Debt payments under the Hoover plan accounted for £30,000,000.

Mr. Snowden estimated the deficit on a full year from next April, if no changes were made in the present provisions for revenue and expenditure, at £170,000,000.

Must Face Position.
Therefore, large economies were essential and so were heavy increases in taxation, he said. And he added that the country must face up to the position.

Mr. Snowden did not go into the details of the economy proposals given in a white paper but emphasised that nine-tenths of the items proposed were adopted and approved by the late Labour Cabinet before its resignation.

War Loan Conversion.
In the course of his Budget speech, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the Finance Bill would provide facilities for the conversion of the five per cent. War Loan to a lower rate of interest. It did not fix any particular date, but he was making provision so that he might seize the first suitable moment to launch the operation.

Opposition Criticism.
The Opposition's criticism of the Budget was voiced by Mr. William Graham, late President of the Board of Trade, who said that the May Report did Great Britain very serious damage abroad. He did not dispute that the new taxation had been distributed over a very wide field, but the Chancellor, he said, had not given a complete picture to show that the economy and taxation proposals together constituted the promised "Equality of sacrifice." He declared there was abundant reason, in the existing circumstances, for complaint and his Party believed, even in these times, that the Budget could be balanced without attacks upon Unemployment Insurance Benefits or Education.—British Wireless Service.

"Let's Have a Pint Before Price Goes Up."
"Anyhow let's have a pint before the price goes up," remarked members of the House of Commons in the lobby upon the conclusion of the Budget speech. This typifies the resignation with which the country received Mr. Snowden's stinging imposts amid an unparalleled storm of cheers at the conclusion of his speech.

These cheers, however, are interpreted to be more of a personal tribute to the Chancellor and relief that the Exchequer is solvent with £32,500,000 to spare towards debt reduction, than satisfaction with the methods adopted.

Conservatives Agitated.
Conservatives notably were taken aback by the income tax burden. For example, a married man with two children and a salary of £500 pays £20 compared with £8 previously.

Labour Furious.
The Labour Parties' fury betokens the implacable opposition to every stage of the legislative progress which is in store for Government's economy proposals.

Daily Herald's Scorn.
The "Daily Herald," bitterly attacked the inequality of sacrifice and angrily remarks: "Instead of following the courses indicated by his life work, Mr. Snowden has been deflected by the pressure of

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The Dolour of the Mem Sahib.

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To her sister at home a similar state of affairs is impossible. Her children, her home, and her various social obligations take up the greater part of her time.

Out here these prime absorbers of time and energy simply do not exist. There are no houses with stairs staffed by post-war maids who are reluctant to climb them. Instead, there are compact little bungalows which can be run with ease and economy by trained Indian servants.

Children are a minor consideration. The birth-rate among the "sahib" population is very low, and the few children one does come across are not out here long enough to make their presence felt, with the result that the cares and preoccupations of motherhood are extended over a very limited period, if at all.

In many cases ayahs and orderlies bear the brunt of the children's upbringing, while their mother droops over a cocktail at the club, explaining to her sympathetic friends that "Children are such a trial and make things so difficult."

Entertaining out in this country is a pleasant and effortless proceeding. The cook and bearer between them can be trusted to attend to all the details and, what is more, to serve an excellent meal at ten minutes' notice to any chance callers.

Her existence is comparable to that of a certain class of society at home—an endless round of dances, and games—but it lacks the external stimulus of necessity and difficulty which everyone experiences to a certain extent in the post-war Britain of to-day.—E.M.S. in The Evening News.

PLAYFUL BALKAN RIVER.

Antics Involve Diplomats.

Sofia, Bulgaria, July 16.

The weather here in the Balkans has just played a little jest on the serious European diplomats.

Utterly regardless of the opinions of Geneva or of Aristide Bland or of the Little Entente or of various patriotic societies and erudite editors it suddenly set out to revise the peace treaties, using as its chief conspirator the little river Bistritsa, which means limp, and which is supposed to flow between Bulgaria and Greece.

This exuberant stream of playful clear water, spanned by bridges and closely watched by two sets of vigilant border guards, is inscribed in history-making peace treaties, bearing many ponderous seals, as the boundary between these two Balkan states. And this is in keeping with proper diplomatic procedure, for many European states are separated from their neighbours by rivers.

But look what the impetuous and impulsive Bistritsa did. The rains descended and the floods came and the river overflowed its banks, wandered through Greece for a mile or so, leaving perfectly good Greek meadows on the Bulgarian side and causing the diplomats grave consternation.

And what could they do, since it is plainly written in the treaties that the Bistritsa is the border? Nor are there any stipulations as to where the Bistritsa is to flow nor to what measures should be taken if she decided to leave the way of her ancestors.

Bistritsa is the border and that's that, so don't those meadows if circled about belong to Bulgaria? If not, the treaty would have to be revised so as to deprive this sector of the little river from being the border.

So now in the heat of June Greek soldiers, instead of conquering the world as once did Alexander, who was brought up in this vicinity, are picking and shovelling to get Bistritsa back into her old bed and thus restore to the land of Mr. Venizelos a handful of verdant meadows, that had inadvertently strayed over into the yard of Mr. Llapcheff.

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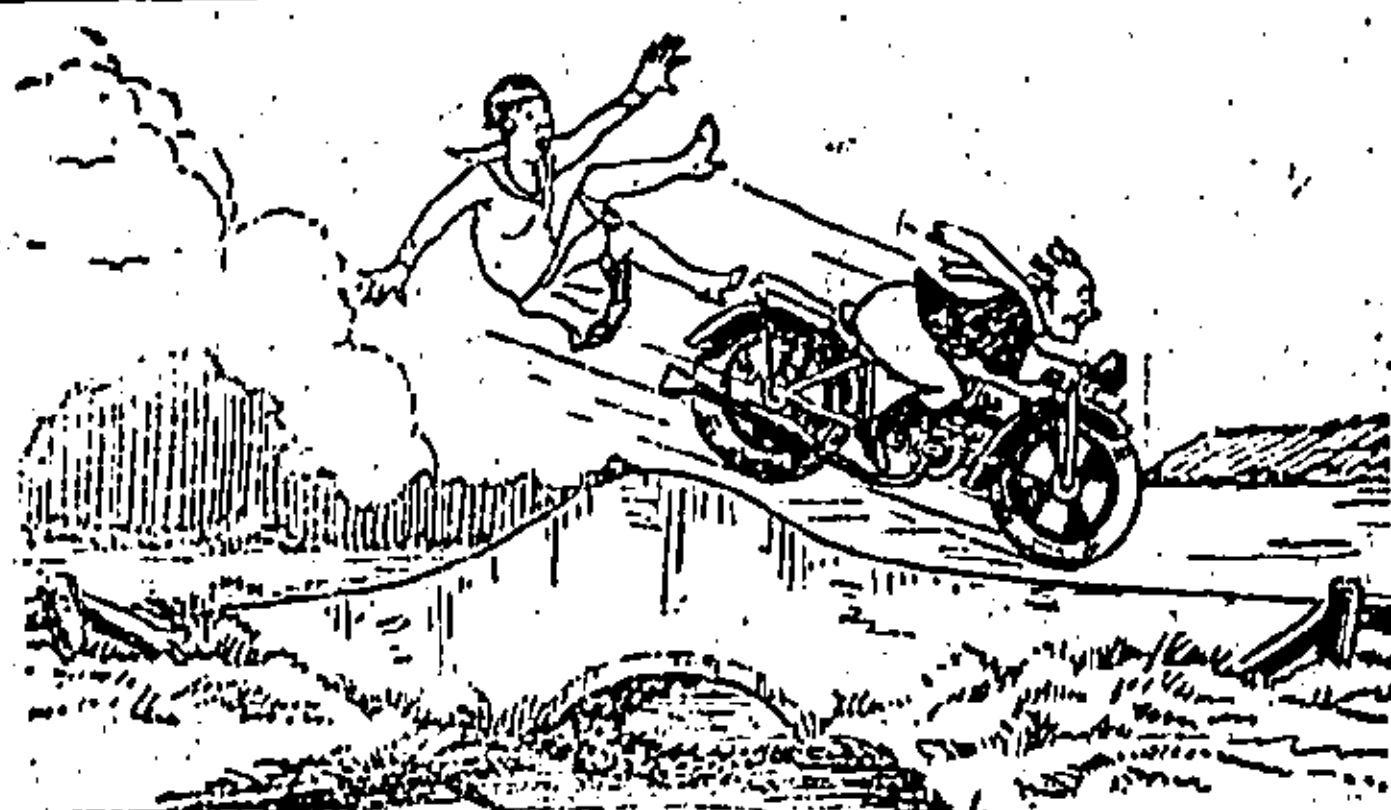
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Hague Maru	Sat., 19th Sept.
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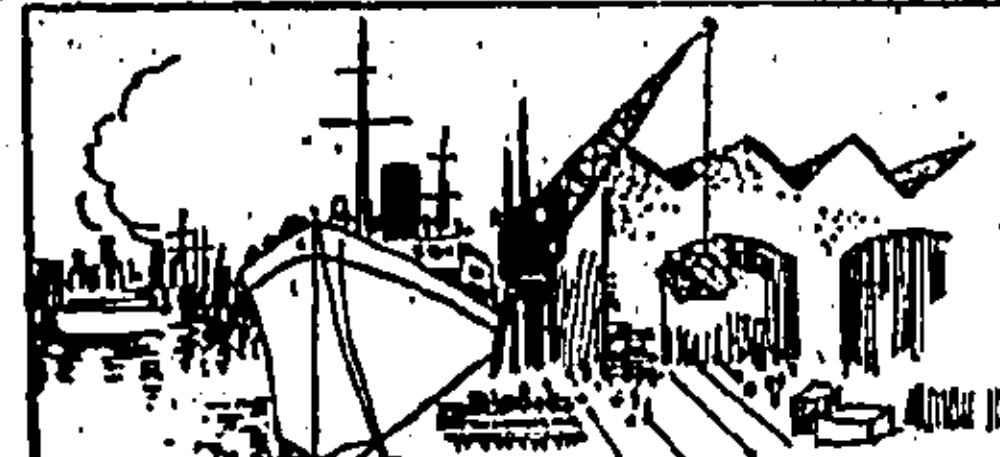
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Shipping Intelligence.

FLOATING MARKET OF BRITISH GOODS.

Lord Derby on a Great Adventure.

Birkenhead, July 29.
Lord Derby did not launch a ship this afternoon when he broke a bottle of champagne on the bows of the British Exhibitor in the shipyard of Messrs. Cammell, Laird, and Co., Ltd., here, but he took a hand in the official launching of what he called a great adventure. The ship was not going out to bring back the spics of foreign lands like the ships of the early adventurers, he said, but to bring back orders to this country, orders that would employ people, and he congratulated those who had been brave enough to engage in the adventure of taking a travelling exhibition of British goods to the markets of South America and the West Indies. And so what was the Leicester-shire, one-time troopship and hospital ship, became officially the British Exhibitor, while sawing and refitting were going on inside and the varied operations of a shipyard were going on all round. In a little over three weeks the British Exhibitor will leave Birkenhead for the Thames, and on November 1 she will leave London to spend 242 days in the ports of South America and some of the west coast ports of North America, taking in her one-time cargo holds exhibition stands showing the goods made by British industry, and in her passenger cabins over 200 experts in the different lines in order to establish contacts and obtain orders in relatively unexplored markets from a British point of view. The vessel will be 21 days in Buenos Ayres, 14 days in Rio de Janeiro, Valparaiso, S. Pedro, and some other ports, 10 at Havana, and three days and two days at other ports. Thirty days are kept in hand in order to extend the scheduled stay where business warrants it, and hopes are high that a rich harvest is awaiting this adventure. Lancashire cotton trade interests are anxious to arrange a composite exhibit, a composite pharmaceutical exhibit is in the making, and various other goods manufactured in the North are to be represented. It is hoped that the British Exhibitor will be able to show herself to London as the complete exhibition ship shortly before departure. At any rate, at four o'clock to-day she started her official career as a broken bottle of champagne swinging at her bows, a red, white, and blue funnel, and the flag of the British National Exhibition Ship, Limited, flying from her mast, with the motto Fortuna Sequatur.

Mrs. Jones, recently, a passenger by the White Star s.s. Britannic from the U.S., gave birth to a son at sea.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. Mantua from Europe September 10:
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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, September 9.
Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Capt. E. Sanda, from Canton, O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.
Kojun Maru, Japanese str., 1,305 tons, Capt. H. Ikeda, from Newchwang, buoy No. B25—D.K.K.
Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. B18—M.M.
Daviken, Norwegian str., 1,778 tons, Capt. G. Svane, from Canton, buoy No. B2—J. M. & Co.
Thursday, September 10.
Hopsang, British str., 1,369 tons, Capt. P. R. Gay Cumling, from Swatow, West Point Wharf—J. M. & Co.
Mantua, British str., 5,933 tons, Capt. H. Hignett, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—M. M. & Co.
Milkesan Maru, Japanese str., 1,961 tons, Capt. K. Takasugi, from Milke, buoy No. B23—M.B.K.
Ningpo, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. Christie, from Canton, buoy No. B14—B. & S.
Ombilin, Dutch str., 3,195 tons, Capt. Marmetstein, from Pesce-roan, buoy No. A5—J.C.J.L.
Ronsan Maru, Japanese str., 1,556 tons, Captain Okamura, from (Continued on Next Column.)

WATER LEVELS.

Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	Sept. 9	Sept. 10
West River at Shihshing	164	—
North River at Samshui	165	—
North River at Tsingyuen	114	105
East River at Shihshing	165	109
The highest levels recorded are—Shihshing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.8 feet; Shihshing, 11.5 feet.		
The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Shihshing.		

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Cornflower—West wall (Dock).
Moth—East wall.
Magnolia—Buoy No. 8.
Phoenix—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Stormcloud—North arm.
Sepoy—North arm.
Scrapie—In dock.
Scraph—In dock.
Sterling—In dock.
Foreign.
Mindanao—American gunboat.
On Pak—Chinese gunboat.
Regulus—French gunboat.

Newchwang, buoy No. B28.—D.K.K.

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September 11 to 17, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
August	Standard Times	Standard Times
Fri. 1	11.1	7.1
Sat. 2	11.4	7.4
Sun. 3	11.7	7.7
Mon. 4	12.0	8.0
Tues. 5	12.3	8.3
Wed. 6	12.6	8.6
Thurs. 7	12.9	8.9

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"SOUP TO NUTS."

Rube Goldberg's keen insight in to the true nature of modern Americans, so often revealed in his famous comic character creations, was most forcibly brought to the screen audiences at the King's Theatre when "Soup to Nuts," Fox Movietone production of Goldberg's first comedy romance, opened for an engagement of two days.

We advise you to step out as soon as possible and see and hear for yourself, for if you are laugh-minded, "Soup to Nuts" is the comedy treat of the season. Comedy of the hearty laugh provoking sort runs throughout the picture which has also a most delightful romance to unfold.

Ted Healy and his Racketeers are the featured comedians in a cast that includes Stanley Smith and Lucile Browne in the romantic leads, Charles Winninger, Frances McCoy, Hallam Cooley, George Bickel and Wm. H. Tooker, who all know how to make merry with great gusto at every visible situation.

The story deals with the efforts of a young girl to restore her lovable but eccentric old uncle to the head of his business which has been taken over by creditors. The son of the chief creditor falls in love with her, but since he appears to the girl as the cause of her uncle's misery, she refuses to see him in his true light, which is as a benefactor.

To this mistaken view of affairs there are added a thousand screamingly funny situations when all her friends begin offering unsolicited advice and aid. Especially at this time is the comedy ability of Goldberg revealed for incredibly humorous happenings follow in rapid order.

How the old man finally regains his business and the niece finds out that the creditor's son is really a blessing in disguise, makes up what is undoubtedly the most ridiculous "nut" comedy yet brought to the audible screen. Its mirth springs up spontaneously during the very first sequence and grows to down-right roars before the final fade out.

Benjamin Stoloff directed "Soup to Nuts" from an adaptation of Goldberg's story and dialogue by Howard J. Green and made a great screen comedy of it.

"ALOHA."

Raquel Torres is the originator of a new dance that Ben Lyon has named the Mosquito Waddle. In "Aloha," the Tiffany production soon to be shown at the Central Theatre, Miss Torres plays the part of a half-caste native of a tropical isle. As such she is called upon to perform a native dance after the manner of the Hula.

While this was being photographed in the strikingly beautiful jungle exterior sets, the assembled troupe noticed that Miss Torres was punctuating her dance with vicious rhythmic slaps on her thigh. Director Albert Rogell stopped the action of the scene and informed her that he believed the slap on the thigh was incidental to some of the low-down American dances and asked her to stick to the native conception.

The scene started again and once more the thigh-slapping was interpolated. Action was stopped and Miss Torres was given an opportunity to explain that she was in accord with the director's wishes but could not refrain from swatting the mosquitoes that were so pre-

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre;
"Soup to Nuts."
To-day—Queen's Theatre;
"Pardon Us."
To-day—Central Theatre;
"Resurrection."
To-day—Majestic Theatre;
"The Society Lion."
To-day—Star Theatre;
"Love, Live & Laugh."

September 17—Y.M.C.A. members' meeting, 9 p.m.
Land Sale.

September 14—At P.W.D. offices, two lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 4.

Home Mails.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Cathay).
To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Cathay). 10.30 a.m.; via Siberia (Empress of Japan). 9.30 a.m.

Lammer's Auction.
September 17—At Kowloon Naval Depot, old and surplus victualling stores, 9.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
To-day—Memorial Service for Kwongsang victims, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

valent. Lyon immediately named for her conception of the Hula, "Doin' the Mosquito."

The problem was finally solved by one of the unsung heroes of the motion picture industry. The prop man came to the rescue with oil of citronella. It is believed this is the first time citronella has been used as a necessary prop in the pictures.

"MR. LEMON OF ORANGE."

If you want to be friendly with Fil Fours, vivacious French comedienne of the talking screen, never sing or whistle "Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shean" within her hearing. "I sang that song so often in the 'Greenwich Village Follies,'" explained Fil, "with Gallagher and Shean that it drives me dippy to even hear its name mentioned."

Miss Dorsey, who is co-starred with El Brendel in the Fox comedy "Mr. Lemon of Orange," coming next at the King's Theatre, got her first real chance on the stage with this famous team of comedians, while she was a member of the "Greenwich Village Follies" chorus. Originally she had been signed to do an Apache dance with a male partner, but when it was howled off the stage on the opening night, she returned to the chorus. Then she suggested singing a French version of "Gallagher and Shean" and it went over big, raising her to featured billing. "But now I never want to hear it again," she says.

This is not the first time Miss Dorsey and El Brendel have appeared together in a picture. When Raoul Walsh made "Hot For Paris," both of these players were cast in prominent roles and had a great part in making that picture the big success it was.

In "Mr. Lemon of Orange" Miss Dorsey impersonates a night club singer. Other members of the cast are William Collier, sen., Ruth Warren, Donald Dillaway and Joan Castle. John Blystone, who has such successes as Will Rogers' recent comedy, "So This is London," "The Sky Hawk" and "Tolable David" to his credit, directed the picture. The dialogue is the joint work of Eddie Cantor and Edwin Burke.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 365 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.
7.05-7.20 p.m.—Band Selections.
The Black Horse Troop (Sousa).
The National Game (Sousa).

Sousa's Band.
High School Cadets (Sousa).
Under the Double Eagle (Wagner).
Sousa Band.

7.20-7.38 p.m.—Organ Solos.
In a Monastery Garden (Ketelbey).
Reginald Foort.

The Bells of St. Anne De Beaupre (Russell).
Charles Raymond Cronham.
In a Persian Market (Ketelbey).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
7.38-8.25 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—
Just a Blue-Eyed Blonde.
If I Were Only Sure of You.
The High Hatters.

Harmonica Solo—
Southern Melody Soft Shoe Dance.
Mountain Blues. Jimmy Smith.

Chorus—
Cossack Love Song.
Song of the Flame.
Victor Light Opera Company.

Orchestral—
I Was Only Teasing You.
Maybe It's the Moon.
Johnny Hamp and His Orchestra.

Humorous Duet—
How's Your Folks and My Folks.
The Happiness Boys.

Humorous Song—
I Married the Bootlegger's Daughter.
Frank Crumit.

Whistling Solo—
Tout Passe. Margaret McKee.
Male Chorus—
John Peel.
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8.25-8.43 p.m.—Operatic.
Traviata—Prelude (Verdi).
Victor Symphony Orchestra.

Trovatore—Selection (Verdi).
Rigoletto—Quartet (Verdi).
Rigoletto—Introduction and Minuet (Verdi).
Creator and His Band.
8.43-9.30 p.m.—A Concert.

Violin Solo—
To a Wild Rose (MacDowell).
Souvenir Poetique (Fibich).
Michel Guskoff.

Song—
The Little Damsel
(Weatherly-Novello).
Simonetta (White-Rumbold).
Lucresia Bori (Soprano).

Piano Solo—
Turkish March (Beehoven).
Brooklet (Schubert-Rachmaninoff).
Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Violoncello Solo—
Gavotte Tendre (Hillemacher).
Menuet (Debussy). Pablo Casals.

Song—
Santa Lucia (Cottrell).
O Sole Mio (E. di Capua).
Enfillo De Gogorza, Baritone.

Violin Solo—
Legend of the Canyon.
(Wakfield Cadman).
Caprice Antique (Balegh-Kreisler).
Fritz Kreisler.

9.30-10 p.m.—Orchestral.
Evening Song (Schumann).
Reverie (Schumann).

Victor String Ensemble.
Moonlight on the Alster (Fetras).
Siren of the Bell (Lehar-Schott).
Mark Weber and His Orchestra.

Romance (Tschalkowsky).
Victor Concert Orchestra.
Tales from the Vienna Woods—Waltz (Johann Strauss).

10-10.28 p.m.—A Selection of
New Fox Traits.
What's Keeping My Prince Charming?
You Can't Stop Me from Lovin' You.
Nat Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra.

June, Time Is Love Time.
Bert Lown & His Hotel
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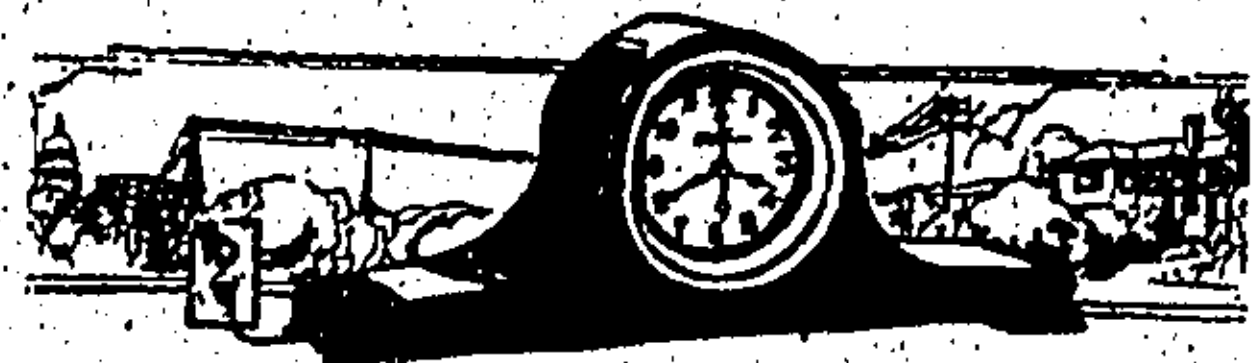


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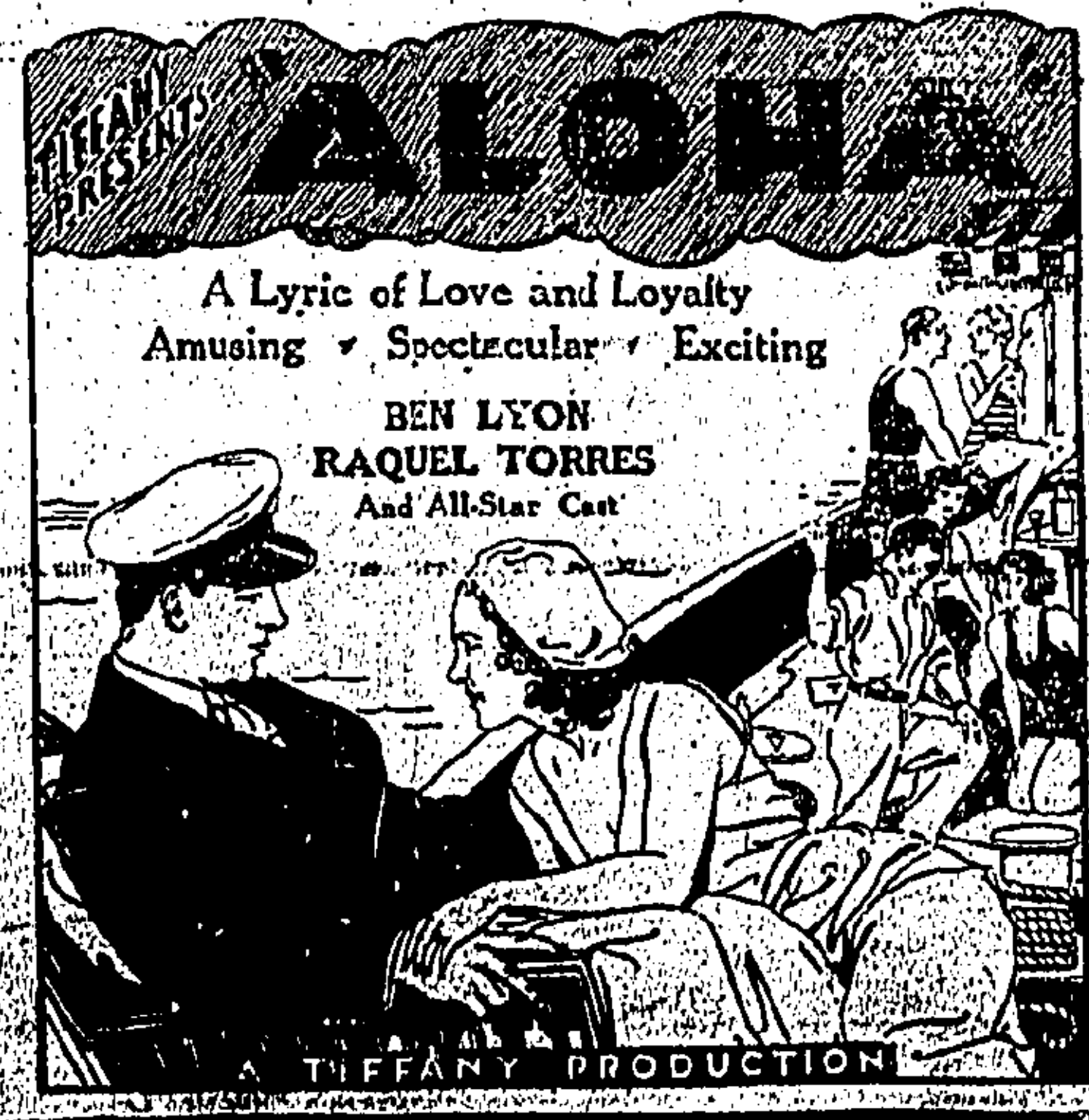
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BALANCING BUDGET PROBLEM.

Starting at the Wrong End.

UNEMPLOYMENT CUT.

London, Yesterday. Police reserves were on duty when the Trade Union Congress resumed at Bristol this morning, in order to prevent a recurrence of yesterday's disorders, and in view of Communist threats of demonstrations on the occasion of Mr. Arthur Henderson's speech to the delegates.

Mr. Henderson was greeted with loud and prolonged cheers, the delegates rising to their feet. He said the Labour Cabinet was invited to begin to balance the Budget at the wrong end. "When you begin to consider the question of equality of sacrifice, you are not entitled to begin with the poorest of the poor."

He had suggested that the first step should be the suspending of the sinking fund; also, with the wonderful example of Australia in mind, he suggested that a conversion loan be in the forefront of the programme, but this was never seriously considered.

Mr. Henderson added that he found that during his absence in Paris before the London Conference of July, the idea of a National Government had been discussed.

He said the late Cabinet decided by a majority on a ten per cent. cut in unemployment payments, but "other interests" outside had reserved the right to press for an increase in the cut, whereupon he and his colleagues rejected it altogether.

The whole settlement broke down over £12,500,000.

The first thing he did after his election to leadership of the party was to appoint a committee to consider the increasing power of money interests.

Rather than face a large cut in unemployment payments, he, although a strong free trader, was prepared to try a ten per cent. tariff experiment, and earmark the revenue from this for unemployment purposes.

The Trade Union Congress subsequently adopted a resolution welcoming the present tendency towards comprehensive planning of the economic life of the nation, and the regulation of trading relations; and instructing the General Council to advance this policy both nationally and internationally.—Reuter.

RESIGNATION FROM JAPANESE CABINET.

Minister of Railways Relinquishes Office.

ILL-HEALTH.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Mr. Tasuku Egi, the Minister of Railways, one of the strongest men in the Cabinet has resigned owing to ill-health. He will be replaced by Mr. Shujiro Hara, Minister of Overseas Affairs. The Premier is taking over the vacated portfolio.—Reuter.

JOHN THORBURN CASE.

Question of Mystery Raised Again.

ENQUIRIES NOT COMPLETED.

London, Yesterday. The question of the disappearance of John Thorburn was again raised in the House of Commons. Sir Charles Cawsey asked whether the additional enquiry ordered by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek into the matter had brought to light any fresh information as to Thorburn's whereabouts or fate.

Mr. Eden (the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) replied that the enquiry had not yet been completed. The Chinese Government had reported that it was progressing satisfactorily, and a report could be expected before the end of the month. Sir Miles Lampson had pressed the Chinese Foreign Minister for a report at the earliest possible moment, and had made known his disappointment at the delay on the part of the Chinese authorities.—Reuter.

SINO-MEXICAN CONTROVERSY.

U.S. Participation Conditional.

EXPULSION OF CHINESE.

Washington, Yesterday. The United States will decline to participate in the controversy concerning the expulsion of Chinese from Mexico, unless both Mexico and China request such action, according to a statement made by officials of the State Department.—Reuter's American Service.

POSEIDON FUND.

R.N. Benevolent Trust's Appreciation.

Warm expressions of gratitude to all who subscribed to the Poseidon Disaster Fund inaugurated by the Hong Kong branch of the Navy League are contained in a resolution passed at a meeting of the Central Committee of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, to which the funds were handed for distribution.

The General Secretary of the Trust, in a letter to the Hon. Secretary of the local branch of the Navy League, states:

"I have much pleasure in forwarding to you the following resolution which was carried unanimously at the 29th meeting of the Central Committee (July 24, 1931) in connection with the contribution of £2,654 8s. 3d. raised by the Hong Kong branch of the Navy League:

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LOWER SHARE PRICES.

Stock Exchange Official Summary.

BUYERS TO THE FORE.

The official summary of the Stock Exchange issued to-day states:

Prices this morning were slightly lower than yesterday's, at which there are buyers.

Unions were the medium of sales at \$560.

Cantons were in demand at \$1,530.

H.K. Fires were wanted at \$1,470.

Wharves, after sales at \$165 and \$165½, could have been obtained at \$166.

Providents (old) were in demand at \$6.20, but sellers were asking \$6.40.

Hotels (old), which were done at \$17, were in demand at \$16½, and there were sellers seeking the former rate. The new shares could have been obtained at \$16.40.

Realities, which were disposed of at \$17¼ and \$17.40, had buyers at the first-named rate.

Lands changed hands at \$91, but at the close there were buyers at this quotation.

Ewos were in request at \$15¼. Trams were wanted at \$22½.

Star Ferries, after being reported sales at \$95½, had buyers at \$95.

China Lights, which were in demand at \$29½, could have been bought at \$30.

Cements (combined) were wanted at \$20.10.

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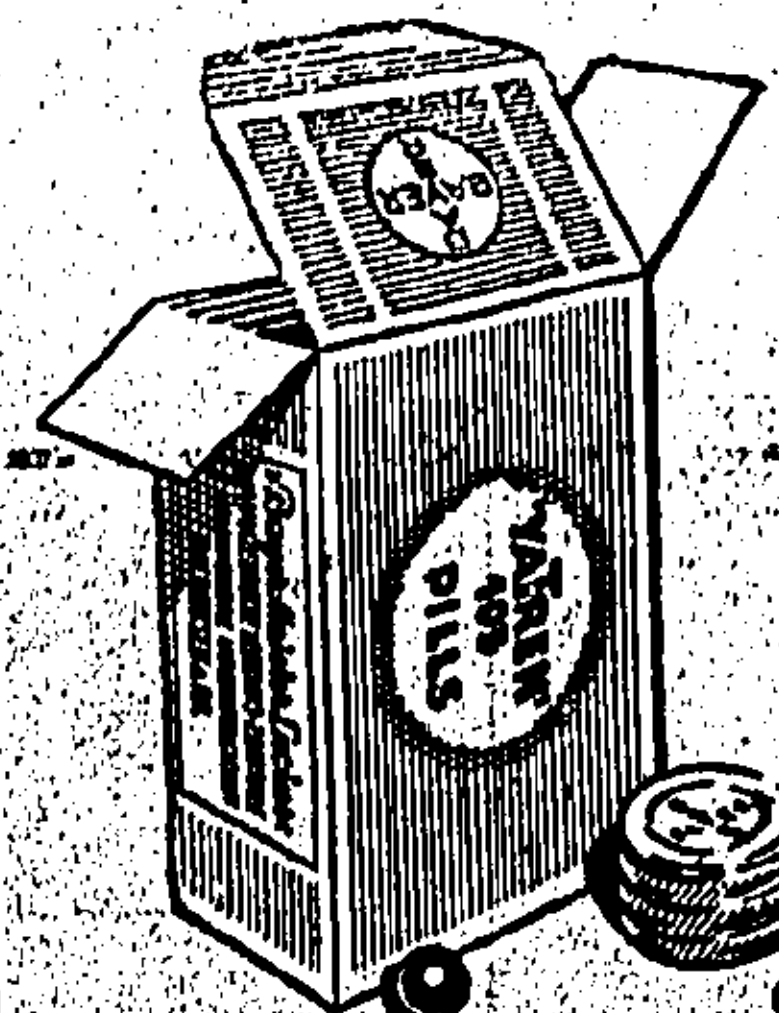
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